

Lyons Decr 6th 1826

Dear Sir

I rec^d your letter requesting information concerning Joseph Esnais and likewise his character and standing among men I am sir acquainted with him and that I will assure you to my sorrow you have been informed that I am his enemy that is not correct ~~altho~~ I am not an enemy to any man nor can I say that I have that friendship for him which I once possess^d Your first request ~~is to know~~ is for information of his marriage Sir I have known ~~from~~ him eight years and can assure you he has no wife in these parts to my knowledge I therefore presume to say if such a report has circulated it is without foundation Which answers your two first questions The third is concerning riches or property I will give you a correct statement He and a brother possess ^{an undivided} property perhaps to the amount of two thousand dollars consisting of about one hundred acres of land farming utensils &c. Your fourth Question is concerning Villany and illegitimate children I will sir give you a correct statement and judge for yourself I am a man who has been for many years in the habit of teaching and instructing the rising generation in the various branches of learning and when engaged abroad have instructed my neighbours children at my own house this was the case with him he living only the distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile from me received the benefit of tuition at my hand without any fee or reward was a familiar in my family and was considered as one of my own children he was a youth of good

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Reputation and consider of good moral ~~principals~~
principals was admitted and found worthy to be
a member of the fraternity and became a member
of the same lodge with myself but my hand shudders
at the hour I am about to relate My daughter
on whom much labour has been spent to educate
one in whom I delighted one whose abilities far
exceeds those of her neighbors Near the joy and comfort
of my life was discovered to be in a state of pregnancy
by the aforesaid Ennis ~~She was~~ he called
to see me and I could not discover that he had
any disposition to do any thing or even to make
a settlement or prosecution commenced but
by the interference of his friends it has been taken
from the law Suffice it to say my daughter has
by him a pair of twin children Decide sir
in your own mind relying on the truth of
what I have written whether he be a villain
I shall not in any wise sir disclose your commu-
nication you therefore may rest assured that any
communication you may see proper hereafter to
make will remain firm in my own breast
as in yours. I wish no evil to befall him nor
do I wish that any other female may be injured
by his perfidy Condescend sir to communicate
to me his conduct since he has been in your
vicinity and also of the particular you thought
proper not to divulge in your communications
I am sir yours with respect Tobias Brandon
Lynn Note I this day rec^d your letter